



# MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

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## NASH-ZIMMER TRANSPORTATION CENTER NOW OPEN



*L-R: Mary Beth Mello, Region 1 Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Vicki Shotland, Executive Director, Greater Hartford Transit District; Congressman Joe Courtney; Adam Zimmer and Karen Zimmer (son and wife of the late Gary Zimmer, one of the Mansfield residents and transportation advocates for whom the center is named); Mansfield Mayor Betsy Paterson; Sam Gardner, architect, Gregg Wies & Gardner; and Mansfield Town Manager Matthew Hart celebrate the Grand Opening of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.*

*Paterson photo*

The Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership celebrated the Grand Opening of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center on Monday, April 14, 2014.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is an innovative project funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Town of Mansfield received \$4,940,000 as part of the FTA's Bus and Livability Grant Program to construct an intermodal transportation hub and transit pathway.

"We're proud to help Mansfield build a more walkable, sustainable

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## TOWN OF MANSFIELD: ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET VOTE

The Town of Mansfield will hold its annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm** in the auditorium of the Mansfield Middle School.

The purpose of the Town Meeting is for the voters in Mansfield to have an opportunity to vote to approve or reject the Town Council's proposed budget for the Town. The Mansfield Board of Education budget is also included in the proposed budget presented to the electors.

For more information on the proposed budget, the budget process, and who is eligible to vote, please visit the Town's [website](#). The Town produces a "[Citizen's Budget Guide](#)" which may be of particular interest to residents. ♦

### STORRS CENTER: BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,245,660**

*Current real estate taxes from Storrs Center*

After the first full year of the tax abatement, the net tax revenue from Storrs Center for the next fiscal year is estimated to be

**\$530,660**

which is more than enough to cover any Storrs Center operating expenses by the Town.

### THE TAX ABATEMENT. . .

**Expires** after 7 years,

**Only** applies to Phases 1A & 1B,

And, tax revenues coming into the Town will **exceed** the abated taxes.

**100%** of the taxes from  
*the grocery store, day care center, Phase 1C, & any future phases*  
will be coming to the Town.

**2.43%**

The Town's  
Grand List  
increased  
2.43%,  
largely  
due to  
revenues  
from Storrs  
Center

**100%**

**=**

**LEASE RATE OF ONE DOG LANE,  
NINE DOG LANE, ELEVEN DOG LANE,  
ONE & EIGHT ROYCE CIRCLE  
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL SPACES**



## **NASH-ZIMMER** (continued from page 1)



*At left: Attendees of the Grand Opening of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center found the bicycle racks to be handy.*

*At right: Peter Pan buses now service the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, along with WRTD and UConn buses.*

community,” said Deputy Federal Transit Administrator Therese McMillan. “Transit ridership across the country is at its highest level since 1957, thanks in part to the growing demand for real transportation choices in communities like this one.”

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is conveniently located in the heart of Storrs Center, Mansfield’s new mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented downtown. The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center provides easy access to Windham Region Transit District (WRTD) buses and UConn shuttles, allowing residents to take advantage of public transportation within town and the region. Peter Pan bus line has added the Nash-Zimmer as a stop, providing access to Hartford, Providence, and Boston via public transit. An innovative information technology system helps riders track the location and arrival and departure times of their desired bus both inside and outside of the center.

In addition to bus service, the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center serves as an information center for the new downtown, Storrs Center. An interactive kiosk provides helpful information about local amenities along with bus schedules and routes.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center also features amenities for cyclists. For cyclists who commute by bike, there is an opportunity to join a commuters’ club for access to showers, indoor bicycle storage, and lockers. For the casual rider, there are bicycle racks just outside of the Nash-Zimmer for easy access when visiting the shops, restaurants, and offices in Storrs Center.

Adjacent to the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, the Storrs Center parking garage features charging stations for electric vehicles and serves as a pick-up/drop-off location for the Hertz on Demand shared vehicle program.

Throughout Storrs Center, wide sidewalks with ample lighting, street trees, and benches create a pleasant environment for pedestrians. The close proximity of many different types of restaurants, retail shops, offices, and apartments encourage residents and visitors to walk to varying destinations. E. O. Smith High School, Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield’s Town Hall, the Post Office, and the UConn campus are all within easy walking distance of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, further reducing the need for vehicles for Mansfield residents and visitors.

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## MEET THE NEWEST BUSINESSES IN STORRS CENTER!

### BALLARD INSTITUTE & MUSEUM OF PUPPETRY

The world-renowned Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry features a superb collection of over 2,500 puppets from all over the world and an archive of books, manuscripts, posters, drawings, audio-visual materials and photographs all covering the history of puppetry. It is also the new home of the Puppeteers of America's Audio-Visual Collection: the largest collection of videotapes, films, and other media about puppetry in the U. S..

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

The Ballard is located in One Royce Circle, Suite 103.

[bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu)

860.429.6200



*Photo by Sarah Nolan, UConn Puppetry MFA candidate*

### LE PETIT MARCHÉ CAFÉ

Le Petit Marché Café offers pastries, baguettes, and sandwiches with a French flair. Be sure to try their baguette sandwiches with unique fillings, the Chobani yogurt bar, and made-to-order crepes!

Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 am - 8:30 pm

Le Petit Marché Café is located in One Royce Circle, Suite 101.

[www.dining.uconn.edu/le\\_petit\\_marche.html](http://www.dining.uconn.edu/le_petit_marche.html)

860.486.8592



*Paterson photo*

### PANDORA'S PLAYGROUND - TATTOO, PIERCING, & GALLERY

Pandora's Playground celebrated their Grand Opening on April 5. Pandora's Playground was founded by Matt Waitkus and Miguel Lopez, former employees of Body Language, whose former space now houses their clean, modern studio and gallery.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Sundays & Mondays by appointment only

Pandora's Playground is located in Nine Dog Lane.

[www.facebook.com/pandorasplayground](http://www.facebook.com/pandorasplayground)

860.477.0811



*Paterson photo*



## UConn Health: Medical Offices & Urgent Care

UConn Health has two offices in Storrs Center. The medical offices offer everything from family medicine to cardiology to sports medicine. OB/GYN services will begin in May.

Urgent Care provides medical care on a walk-in basis. Care is available when you need medical assistance and cannot wait until an appointment at a physician's office is available. No appointment is necessary.

Both the medical offices and Urgent Care are open to the public. They are both located in One Royce Circle, with the Urgent Care in Suite 103 and the medical offices in 104.

Medical offices: Call for appointments: 860.429.2900

Urgent Care: Open seven days a week, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

[storrscenter.uchc.edu](http://storrscenter.uchc.edu)

860.487.9200



*Paterson photo*

## STORRS WINE & SPIRITS

Storrs Wine & Spirits sell quality wines and spirits, including a fine selection of liquor and beer. Co-owners Dil Bhandari and Nitya Poudel are friends who have worked together in the alcoholic beverage retail industry and inspired each other to open a store in Storrs Center.

Storrs Wine & Spirits is located in One Royce Circle, Suite 109.

Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

860.420.5001



*Paterson photo*

## GBS THREADING & SPA

Binda and Shiva Neupane, owners of GBS Threading & SPA, are ready to welcome you to their new location in Storrs Center! They offer a variety of services including threading (a natural hair removal technique), henna, facials, and more!

Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

GBS Threading & SPA is located in One Royce Circle, Suite 110.

[www.gbsbrowz.com](http://www.gbsbrowz.com)

860.429.6200



*Paterson photo*



## GET READY FOR THE SQUARE FAIR!



### SQUARE FAIR

**FOURTH FRIDAYS  
MAY - SEPTEMBER  
5.00 PM - 9.00 PM  
IN DOG LANE**

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents to visit the Square Fair! Every fourth Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 pm from May through September, the Partnership will host local artists and makers in Dog Lane. The first Square Fair will be Friday, May 23.

A variety of artwork and crafts will be available for sale, including pottery, watercolors, oil paintings, jewelry, and hand-crafted soaps and lotions. The line-up of artists and makers varies from month to month, so there's always something new to see!

Meet your friends for dinner or drinks, then browse the booths for unique art and gifts!

Square Fair is free and open to the public. Rain cancels the event. ♦

[mansfieldct.gov/SquareFair](http://mansfieldct.gov/SquareFair)



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: JOHN E. JACKMAN: TOUR DE MANSFIELD



**John E. Jackman  
Tour de Mansfield  
Saturday, June 14  
(rain date: June 15)**

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Mansfield Community Center will host the 9th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield on Saturday, June 14.

The bike tour provides a family oriented event for area residents, encourages exercise through cycling, brings awareness to the scenic beauty of Mansfield's historic villages and promotes community bonding through social and recreation activity.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and registration, the Bike Rodeo, and clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Tracey at the Community Center (860.429.3015 x6202 or [tracyja@mansfieldct.org](mailto:tracyja@mansfieldct.org)). ♦

## SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



Join the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for the 11th Annual celebration of the people, businesses, and organizations that make our town unique!

Now called the Celebrate Mansfield Festival, this year's event will be held on the new Town Square in Storrs Center!

If your Mansfield-located business, club, or organization would like to participate by hosting an activity or food booth, by volunteering, or by sponsoring the event, please contact the Partnership office at 860.429.2740 or [mdp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mdp@mansfieldct.org). ♦

[downtownstorrsfestival.org](http://downtownstorrsfestival.org)







## INTRODUCING: MAIN STREET HOMES



Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance, LLC, recently announced plans for the next phase of Storrs Center: Main Street Homes, a neighborhood comprised of for-sale residences. Modeled after some of America's most loved "Main Street" communities, Main Street Homes is proposed to be developed in Storrs Center in 2015. Featuring forty townhome and single-living condominium homes, Main Street Homes will include a variety of residences that feature classic architecture by some of the nation's most respected architects. Modern floor plans, coupled with energy-efficient features and low-maintenance materials, will provide homes that are both enjoyable and comfortable.

The tentative schedule for Main Street Homes at Storrs Center is as follows:

- Fall 2014: Contracts to be offered. A 10% deposit will be due at the time of purchase agreement.
- Spring 2015: Construction begins.
- 2016: The first residents move in.

For more information, please visit [www.storrscenter.com/#living-here](http://www.storrscenter.com/#living-here) or call 845.351.2900 x400. ♦

## NASH-ZIMMER (continued from page 3)

United States Congressman Joe Courtney; Secretary of the State Denise Merrill; State Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr.; State Representative Gregory Haddad; State Representative Linda Orange; Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield; Mary Beth Mello, Region 1 Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Vicki Shotland, Executive Director, Greater Hartford Transit District; William Wendt, Director of Logistics Administration, UConn; Janet Freniere, Manager, Transportation Services, UConn; Karen Zimmer; and Lon Hultgren, Retired Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Town of Mansfield participated in the ceremony.

Links to information regarding bus schedules can be found at the Nash-Zimmer website, [www.MansfieldCT.gov/TransportationCenter](http://www.MansfieldCT.gov/TransportationCenter). Announcements can be found on the website and through the Nash-Zimmer Twitter feed, [@NashZimmer](https://twitter.com/NashZimmer). ♦

# UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS

## April 24 - May 4

[Legally Blonde](#), CT Repertory Theatre, Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre; Tickets and info: [crt.uconn.edu](http://crt.uconn.edu)

## Wednesdays

[Board Game Night](#), 6.00 PM, [Friendly Fire Game Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Saturday, May 3

[Rid Litter Day](#), Town of Mansfield, Contact Recycling Coordinator (860.429.3333) for details

## Saturday, May 3

[Storrs Farmers Market](#): Opening Day, 3 - 6 PM, Mansfield Town Hall, Rain or shine

## Monday, May 5

[Roar Reading Series](#), Hosted by [Elephant Rock Books](#) on the first Monday of the month, 7.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Saturday, May 10

[Family Fun Night](#), 4.30 - 7.30 PM, Free for Members; Non-members pay daily fee, [Mansfield Community Center](#)

## Tuesday, May 13

[Annual Town Meeting](#), 7.00 PM, [Mansfield Middle School](#)

## Wednesday, May 14

Live Music Wednesday: [Bruce John](#), 5 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Saturday, May 17

Parent's Night Out (grades K-5), 3 - 7.30 PM, Fees vary, For info and registration, call 860.429.3015, [Mansfield Community Center](#)

## Wednesday, May 21

Live Music Wednesday: [Curtis Brand](#), 5 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Friday, May 23

[Square Fair](#), Dog Lane, 5.00 - 9.00 PM, Free and open to the public

## Wednesday, May 28

Live Music Wednesday: [Mike Casey Trio](#), 5 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

## Saturday, May 31

[Family Fun Night](#), 4.30 - 7.30 PM, Free for Members; Non-members pay daily fee, [Mansfield Community Center](#)



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Find more events info on the  
[Partnership's Events Calendar!](#)

